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2. AS OF MORNING 11 JULY WE HAVE NOTED NO PRESS PLAY OF SYMINGTON STATEMENT.

3. RE LONDON OBSERVER ARTICLES, STATE IS SENDING COPY OF SYMINGTON STATEMENT TO LONDON EMBASSY FOR DELIVERY BY EMBASSY OFFICIAL TO OBSERVER.

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